In their discussions, Prime Minister and President Obama reaffirmed the importance of the India-US relationship and decided on future steps to enhance this strategic partnership. There was a meeting of minds on the future direction of India-US relations. Prime Minister stated that he was deeply impressed by President Obama's strong commitment to the India-US strategic partnership and by the breadth of his vision for global peace and prosperity. Prime Minister also stated that he saw his visit as the opening of a new chapter in an essay in mutual comprehension.

It was the first state visit hosted by the Administration of President Barack Hussein Obama. Prime Minister conveyed that India appreciated the honour and fully reciprocated the desire of the Obama Administration to deepen the bonds between the peoples of the United States and India and strengthen and broaden the partnership between both nations. Prime Minister has invited President Obama to visit India with his family and told him that a warm welcome awaits them when they visit India.

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2358. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister attended Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting CHOGM-2009, recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA) : (a) and (b) Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh led India's Delegation to the CHOGM 2009 in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago (27-29 November 2009). The Summit theme: "Partnering for a more Equitable and Sustainable Future", as well as, global developments, including, Climate Change and issues concerning Youth were discussed. On the sidelines, Hon'ble Prime Minister held bilateral meetings with the President of France, Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, Denmark, Sri Lanka and Mauritius.

(c) At the end of the Summit, the following declarations and statements were issued (available at ***www.thecommonwealth.org***):

i. CHOGM Communique.

ii. Trinidad and Tobago Affirmation on Commonwealth Values and Principles.

iii. Port of Spain Climate Change Consensus: The Commonwealth Climate Change Declaration.

iv. The Declaration of Port of Spain: Partnering for a More Equitable and Sustainable Future.

v. Statement on Commonwealth Action to Combat Non-Communicable Diseases.

vi. 'Investing in young people': A Declaration on young people by Commonwealth Heads of Government.